Setting up power projects in foreign countries by public sector companies

†1596. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that power companies under public sector are making efforts to set up power generation projects in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the countries in whose favour a decision regarding setting up of power projects has been taken so far;

(c) whether arrangement for transmission is also being made in order to bring power generated from these projects in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and funds required therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The public sector power companies, especially NTPC and NHPC are making efforts to set up power generation projects outside India.

(b) to (d) These proposals are at preliminary stage.

Rural electrification programme to the Central Government agencies by Orissa

1597. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Orissa has handed over the rural electrification programme to the three Central Government agencies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of total outlay involved in the project and whether the project would be funded by the Centre in its entirety; and

(d) time-frame within which all the house-holds in the State would be lighted up?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Orissa Government has signed Agreements with Rural Electrification Corporation

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(REC) and Central Power Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) and Orissa DISCOMS in October, 2005 for implementation of Rajiv Gandhi Garmeen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) in its 30 districts.

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) will be implementing the rural electrification programme in 12 districts, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in 12 districts and National Hydro-electrical Power Corporation (NHPC) in 6 districts. As per the RGGVY guidelines, services of C PSUs have been offered to the States for assisting them in the execution of rural electrification Projects as per their willingness and requirements. With a view to augment the implementation capacities for the programme, REC has entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with NTPC, POWERGRID, NHPC and Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) to make available CPSUs' project management expertise and capabilities to states wishing to use their services. This is being operationalised through a suitable Tripartite/ Quadripartite Agreement.

(c) Out of 6 proposals received from Orissa, one has been approved till date covering 6 un-electrified villages and 223 electrified villages having 27316 un- electrified rural households at the cost of Rs. 41.07 crore. 90% of the project cost is capital subsidy to be given by Central Government and 10% will be provided as soft loan by REC at the interest rate of 5%.

(d) The scheme envisages electrification of all villages and provide accessibility to all households in the entire country by the year 2009.

Dabhol Power Project

1598. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the agreement signed for settlement of the claim of General Electric Co. (GE) of U.S. in respect of the Dabhol Power Corporation, a Committee has been set up to carry out the talks with GE to protect the interests of the Government of Maharashtra;

(by if so, the terms and composition of the Committee; and

(c) what recommendations, if any, have been made by the Committee?